



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: DIXON, M.

Serial No.: 10/600,567

Art Unit: 1774

Filed: June 20, 2003

For: A FIRE RETARDANT
COMPOSITE PANEL PRODUCT
AND A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
FABRICATING SAME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action mailed May 19, 2005 the Examiner has stated that the present Application contains claims directed to three distinct inventions, Invention I, Invention II, and Invention III. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the first invention, Invention I, is represented by Claims 1-9 and is drawn to a method for making fire retardant composite panels, classified in class 156, subclass 297. The Examiner further contends that the second invention, Invention II, is represented by Claims 10-15 and is drawn to composite panels, classified in class 428, subclass 364. The Examiner further contends that the third invention, Invention III, is represented by Claims 16-25 and is drawn to a system for making a fire retardant panel, classified in class 156, subclass 356. As such, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect an invention for prosecution on the merits.

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ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE BETWEEN
INVENTION I and INVENTION II

Applicants elect without traverse the first invention, Invention I, represented by Claims 1-9 and drawn to a method for making fire retardant composite panels, classified in class 156, subclass 297. Thus, Applicants elect Claims 1-9 without traverse.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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